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Honorable Bud Shuster
U.S. House of Representatives
2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Shuster:

This is in reply to your letter of February 16, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Jacobs
for

Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures

cc:

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REMARKS: Respond to the D.C. office.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
Washington, D.C.

February 16, 1993

Charlie Schott
Office of Congressional and Public Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Enclosed please find three letters from constituents concerns the narrowing of radio bands

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Very Truly yours,

BUD SHUSTER
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
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Draft Letter to Senator or Representative Regarding FCC Rule Making

[Date-]

1/29/93

The Honorable [-Name-]

[-Address-]

[-Address-]

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Dear Mr./Mrs. [-Name-] (if to Representative):

Dear Senator [-Name-] (if to Senator):

[Begin with a description of the writer's interest. E.g., "I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. ~~■~~, "I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes."]

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Robert List
RD 3 Box 312A
Tyrone
Pennsylvania 16686

Sincerely,

Bob List

A.M.A # 438010

THE HONORABLE Bud SHUSTER
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAN MR SHUSTER,

I'VE BEEN A RADIO -
CONTROL model AIRPLANE FLYER SINCE THE AGE OF FOUR-
TEEN, NOW 46 YRS OLD, AND HAVE SPENT ALOT OF
TIME AND MONEY ON MY HOBBY.

I JUST RECEIVED A
NOTICE THAT THE FCC IS MAKING A PROPOSAL,
(PR DOCKET 92-235) WHICH TALKS ABOUT THE
50 FREQUENCIES THAT ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FOR
RADIO CONTROL OF MODEL AIRPLANES, ONLY 19 FREQUENCIES
WILL BE LEFT, IF THESE NEW RULES ARE ADOPTED!

THESE 50 FREQUENCIES WERE
JUST ALLOCATED FOR OUR USE NOT TOO MANY YEARS AGO,
AND NOW THEY WANT TO TAKE THEM AWAY FROM US.

I HAVE SPENT HUNDREDS
OF DOLLARS ON NEW EQUIPMENT ON THE NEW 50 FREQUENCIES
AND NOW I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF MY RADIO CONTROL
EQUIPMENT WILL BE RENDERED USELESS, AS MY FREQUENCIES
ARE ALL ON THE LOWER CHANNELS WHICH WOULD BE
AFFECTED IF THIS NEW RULE GOES THROUGH!

THIS PROPOSAL, IF IT
PASSES, WILL NOT ONLY AFFECT US MODELERS, BUT ALSO
THE RADIO CONTROL INDUSTRY AS WELL.

This in turn will affect the economy. There is an infinite number of frequencies that the FCC could open up for the land mobile radio users, but yet the FCC wants to crowd us in!

The hobby of flying radio control model airplanes is most rewarding and takes a lot of time, money and talent and is a hobby that should be taken seriously, as an out of control model airplane can do a lot of personal damage.

I would greatly appreciate it, if you could join the fight against such FCC proposal!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Denise Van Duren Jr.
(Allentown, PA)

RD #4 Box 311C
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
January 31, 1993

Bud Shuster
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Rep. Shuster,

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is NRPM PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for radio control model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft (airplanes and helicopters).

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band many years without either use interfering with the other.

Considerable money and time has been spent by the radio control modeling community in the last 10 years in working out an arrangement with the FCC that expanded the usable channels in this band for the modeler as well as the land mobile users and in phasing out older radio control equipment and purchasing new that meets the 1991 guidelines set by the FCC for this changeover.

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Sincerely,

George A Wilson II

Member of The Academy of Model Aeronautics